

Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/781,967	RUEL	
	Examiner Sunil Singh	Art Unit 3673	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Sunil Singh.

(3) ____.

(2) Michael R. Schacht

(4) ____.

Date of Interview: 9/20/04

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference
c) Personal [copy given to: 1) applicant 2) [applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1, 11.

Identification of prior art discussed: US Patents 5 190 413, 6 186,703, 5 044, 833, 5 749, 680
Japanese document 2-261122

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See below.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

Claim 1 (proposed) to be amended to include "bearing portion is substantially straight" to define over US Pats. '413, '703, '833 & Japanese document 1/22. Claim 1 to also include "the lock member engaging a portion of the edge portion of the tension member" to possibly define over U.S. Pat '680. However examiner would further consider whether figs 14 & 15 can be combined. Claim 11 to be amended to delete "bearing portion engages the rear face of the wall panel" to avoid 112 2nd issues.

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.

Sunil Singh 9/20/04
Examiner's signature, if required